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Baker City Hall

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Baker City Hall (1903)
1655 First St.

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1970

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Heilner House

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Heilner (Sigismund A) House
1839 Second St. (1887)

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Baker County Courthouse (1906-
Third & Court St. 1908)

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Baker County Courthouse

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Wisdom House

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Wisdom (John W.) House (1878)
2035 Second St.

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This building has been demolished.
The site is now an empty lot.

Rand Building

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Rand Building (c. 1908)
2003 First Street
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Pythian Castle

Pythian Castle (1907)
2000 Washington St.
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White Apartments

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White Apartments (c. 1930)
1931 First Street
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White House Building (1890s)
1829 Main Street
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White House Building



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Carnegie Library (1909)
2020 Auburn St.
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Carnegie Library

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Geiser Grand Hotel

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Geiser Grand Hotel (1889)
1932 Main St.
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Baker Furniture Co.

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Baker Furniture Co. (1890s)
1916 Main St.
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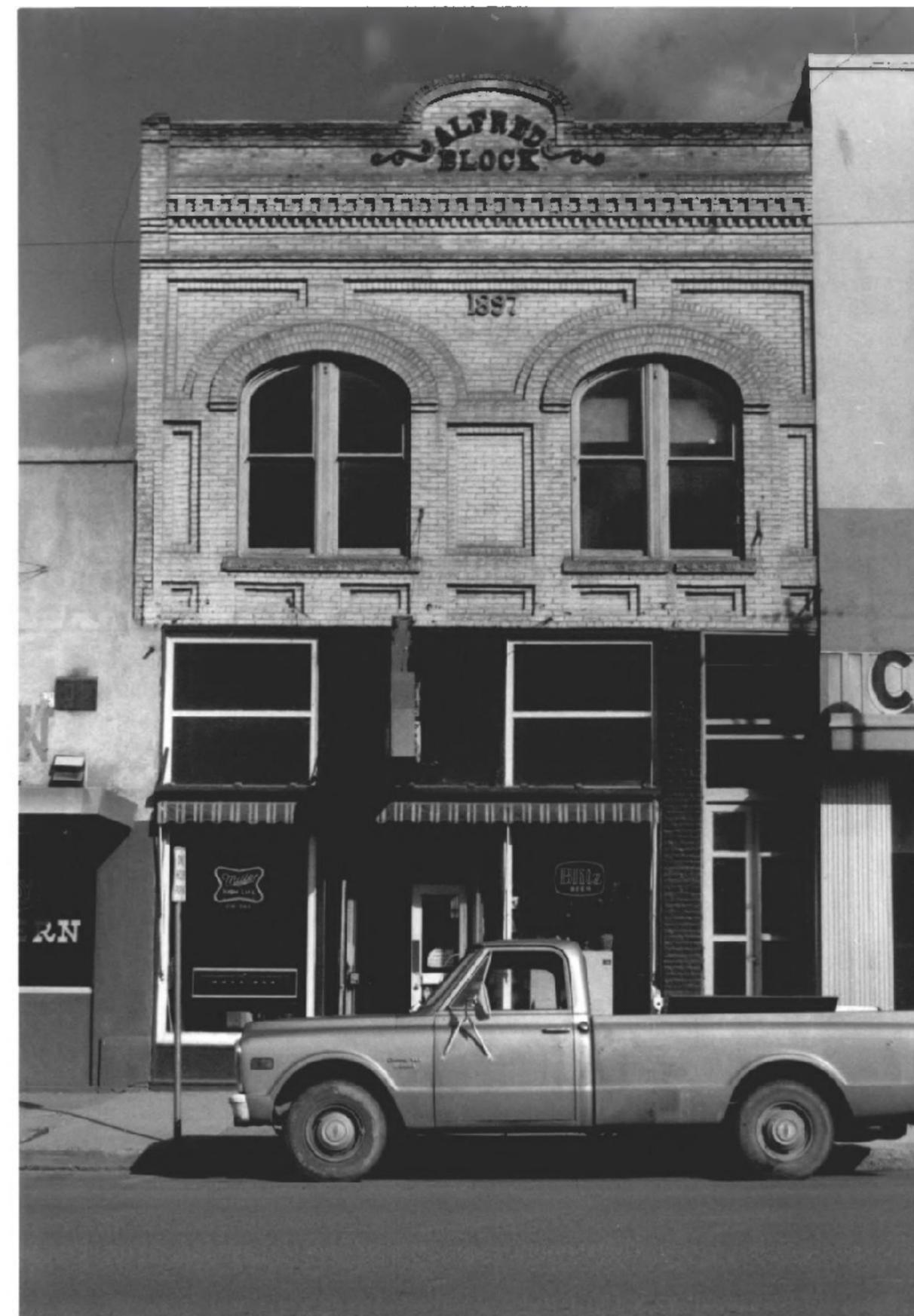
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Alfred Block (1897)
1806 Main St.
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Alfred Block



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Looking west on Valley Street
from Main St. Palmer Bros.
Bldg, Oddfellows Lodge, Jett
Bldg on left.

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Looking West on Valley Street

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Federal Post Office

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Federal Post Office (1909)
SE corner Main and Auburn
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Baker Hotel (c. 1929)
1701 Main St.

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Baker Hotel



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What happened? I took pictures of a random selection of the buildings used to illustrate the original historic district application. As is evident, with one exception, great care has been taken to preserve, and even in some cases, restore those buildings.

Whether it was a good thing for the community is another question. I wasn't there long enough to know anything but I will still share this impression.

Baker City is adjacent to the excellent National Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. It is also close to if not thick in the middle of the great eastern Oregon wine explosion. Similar small communities near Baker City have flourished with tourism. Baker City seems to have changed very little since 1978. It is a quiet town. The other buildings in town clearly date from the 50's and 60's. Did the community exhaust itself in achieving its historic district? Or is this community actually a better place to live than those that have been disneyfied for the tourists? Not sure.

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Looking north on Main St. from
Place St. Multi-storied Baker
Hotel on left.

Ken Hobson photo, 1978

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